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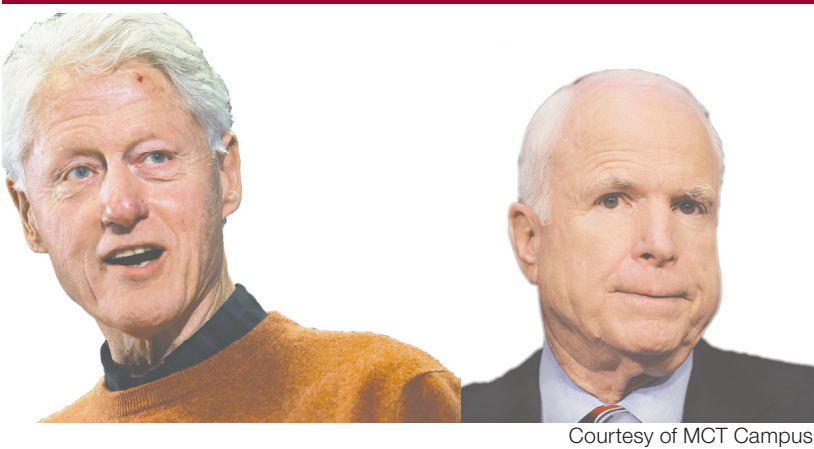
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National Mentoring Month honors community leaders

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January is National Mentoring Month, a holiday observed with reverence by Lexington-Richland School District 5. Initiated in 2002 by the Harvard School of Public Health, the holiday seeks to open up opportunities for mentorship between youth and adults in communities across the country.

The schools in Lexington and Richland County have nearly 150 mentors that provide encouragement and assistance to the students in the district. According to District 5 Mentoring Coordinator Michele Major, mentors in the area are community members, teachers and parents — all dedicating their time to help students of the community grow and thrive.

“Young people expect time and attention from people

who love them,” Major said in a press release. “But when they have other people, outside of family and friends, think they are special they begin to believe it of themselves too.”

National Mentoring Month has gained significant support since its launch from prominent leaders, such as former President Bill Clinton, Sen. John McCain and more. President Barack Obama even made a presidential proclamation to declare January 2016 National Mentoring Month.

“Throughout our Nation’s history, Americans of every background have worked to uphold this ideal, joining together in common purpose to serve as mentors and lift up our country’s youth,” Obama said. “During National

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Tunnel of Awareness digs into diversity issues



Jeremy Marshall Harkness / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Tunnel encourages students to discuss social and political issues on and off campus.

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Until Wednesday, students will have the opportunity to visually experience what it is like to go through the worldly issues that plague many people in society.

The Tunnel of Awareness, hosted by University Housing in the Russell House Ballroom, is a collection of exhibits that shed light on topics of social and political justice and awareness. Such topics include sexism, racism, privilege, throwaway culture, mental health and sexual assault. Because there are different perspectives and opinions

surrounding social issues, the Tunnel aims not to change opinions but to raise awareness.

Before physically entering the tunnel, students are asked to silence their cell phones and keep conversation to a minimum in order to absorb the experience and its messages in full. The social issues covered by the Tunnel are each set off in blocks filled with decoration, art and bits of information that highlight the real world applications of the topics. Students are exposed to things such as the statistical effects of voter apathy among millennials and the specific

terminology to be used for queer or transgender people. Additionally, the importance of seeking help for mental health issues was stressed with the slogan, “It’s okay to not be okay.”

Assistant Director of North Campus Housing Dan Colascione expressed the purpose and initiative behind the exhibit.

“The purpose is to raise awareness and shed light on different topics that some students on our campus face as well as bigger issues in society,” Colascione says. “A lot of the different

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Alpha Tau Omega loses charter



K. Lee Graham / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Alpha Tau Omega can regain its charter through philanthropy and responsible recruitment.

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The University of South Carolina chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, which has been on campus for more than 100 years, was officially closed by the national ATO organization on Jan. 5.

“For all practical

purposes, Alpha Tau Omega is no longer at the University of South Carolina,” a letter notifying the chapter from the national organization read.

This termination of charter comes after the USC chapter was suspended for one year in 2013 for drug and alcohol

violations. ATO was also one of 13 fraternities on campus to have rush suspended for possible alcohol violations during the Fall 2015 semester.

According to the letter, “the decision stems from risk management violations, deceptive

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School Choice Week encourages choice in education

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Gov. Nikki Haley declared the week of Jan. 24 to Jan. 30 to be South Carolina’s “School Choice Week.” The week is recognized nationwide in order to promote educational opportunity and raise awareness about its benefits.

The National School Choice Week (NSCW) is held every January. More than 200 celebrations across South Carolina will run during the week, and there will be more than 16,000 events across the country. It is the country’s largest celebration of its kind. Events will include school fairs, rallies and festivals.

The official proclamation, signed by Haley, recognizes

the benefits of a high-quality education and highlights the variety of educational options available to children in South Carolina, such as public charter schools, virtual schools and homeschool programs. It concludes with a statement encouraging South Carolina residents “to work together to improve the quality of education and expand access to highly effective schools for young people.”

NSCW president Andrew Campanella said, “Millions of people across the country, regardless of which type of schooling they choose, are united in their view that greater choice means greater opportunities for our children to thrive.”



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Local man charged with attempted murder of Richland County deputy

According to The State, Columbia man Arkeem Breeland, 23, has been charged with attempted murder for shooting at Richland County deputy Chris Bagby on Saturday. Bagby responded to a domestic disturbance at about 11:30 p.m. Breeland was attempting to get into his parents' house and fired at least seven shots at Bagby when he arrived. Bagby called for backup, but did not return fire because it was unsafe to do so, he said. Breeland was taken to Palmetto Health Richland and treated for hypothermia after he was caught. He has also been charged with possession of a firearm during a violent crime and unlawful carry of a firearm.

Citadel punishes cadets for controversial photos, enacts new diversity measures

Officials at The Citadel punished 14 cadets for controversial photos posted on Facebook in December, Charleston's WCSC reported. The photos featured the cadets dressed all in white with pillowcases over their heads. Several cadets were suspended and one was issued a dismissal, meaning the cadet must spend at least two semesters away from campus. The Citadel President Lt. Gen. John Rosa said he thought the cadets should have realized their costumes, meant to be "ghosts of Christmas past," might be offensive. In response, Rosa is initiating a task force intended to expand diversity and inclusion.

SC House bill would allow some teachers, administrators to carry guns during school hour

According to WLTX, a recent bill in the South Carolina House would allow select administrators, teachers and school employees called "school protection officers" to carry guns at school as long as the guns remained concealed or locked in a firearm safe. They would have to already have concealed weapons permits and would be required to undergo a two-week training program at the Criminal Justice Academy. The program would include rapid response training, shoot or don't shoot training, resolving violent or nonviolent conflicts and emergency first aid. Whether or not to allow school protection officers would be at the discretion of individual school districts.

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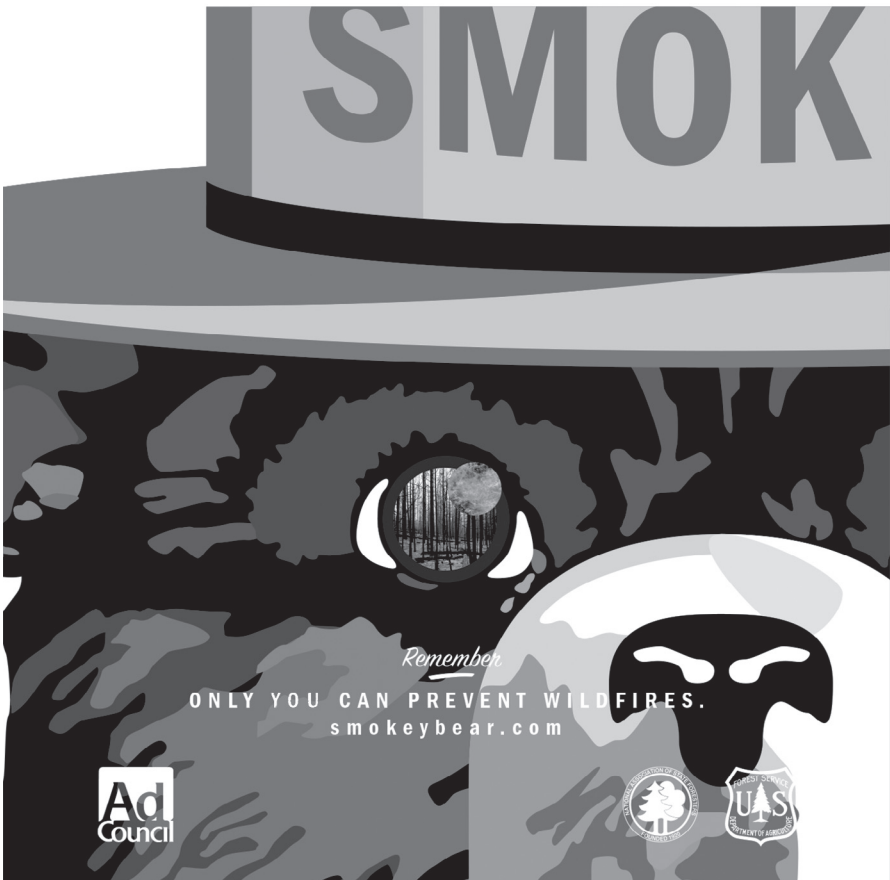
Correction: In an article on Monday, student body presidential candidate Michael Parks was incorrectly cited as having been “charged” with a violation of campaign codes. Parks was only “reported” for a social media post. The Elections Commission has taken no official action against him. The Daily Gamecock regrets the error.

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Mentoring Month, we honor all those who continuously strive to provide young people with the resources and support they need and deserve, and we recommit to building a society in which all mentors and mentees can thrive in mutual learning relationships.”

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communications from the colony to the National Fraternity and the colony’s decision to continue to engage men in the colony who had been removed as members of ATO.”
The letter also indicates that campus officials were aware of and supportive of the decision.
“USC officials have been notified by the National Fraternity,” the letter read. “The University supports the decision.”
The fraternity and sorority report for the Fall 2015 semester indicates that the ATO chapter had 79 members. The national ATO organization also made clear in their letter that the chapter could earn back its charter in part by building on past philanthropic work and recruiting responsible members.
“It is important to understand that a colony is in a probation period with the goal of convincing the National Fraternity that it is worthy of being fully chartered,” the letter read.



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topics are submitted by students on campus. So it wasn't something that we just decided are the most important things ... it was based off submissions of the students here."

Immediately after going through the exhibit, students are able to sit and reflect on the issues with their respective groups and University Housing staff. The focus of this is to create a comfortable space for

students to discuss how the exhibit affected them and to provide students with resources to join initiatives for change regarding social issues in the community.

The Tunnel particularly put things into perspective for first-year economics and international business student Collin Kindig.

“It puts everything in front of you, whether that be the facts or just emotional responses. It’s important to take into account the different aspects of these

issues,” Kindig said.

In covering diversity issues of race, sex, politics or mental health, the Tunnel encourages students to recognize their own privileges within certain areas where some people may be at a social disadvantage. First-year broadcast journalism student Sabrina Shutters touched on her personal reaction to the display.

“It was a really clear visual way that helped me to check in with my senses

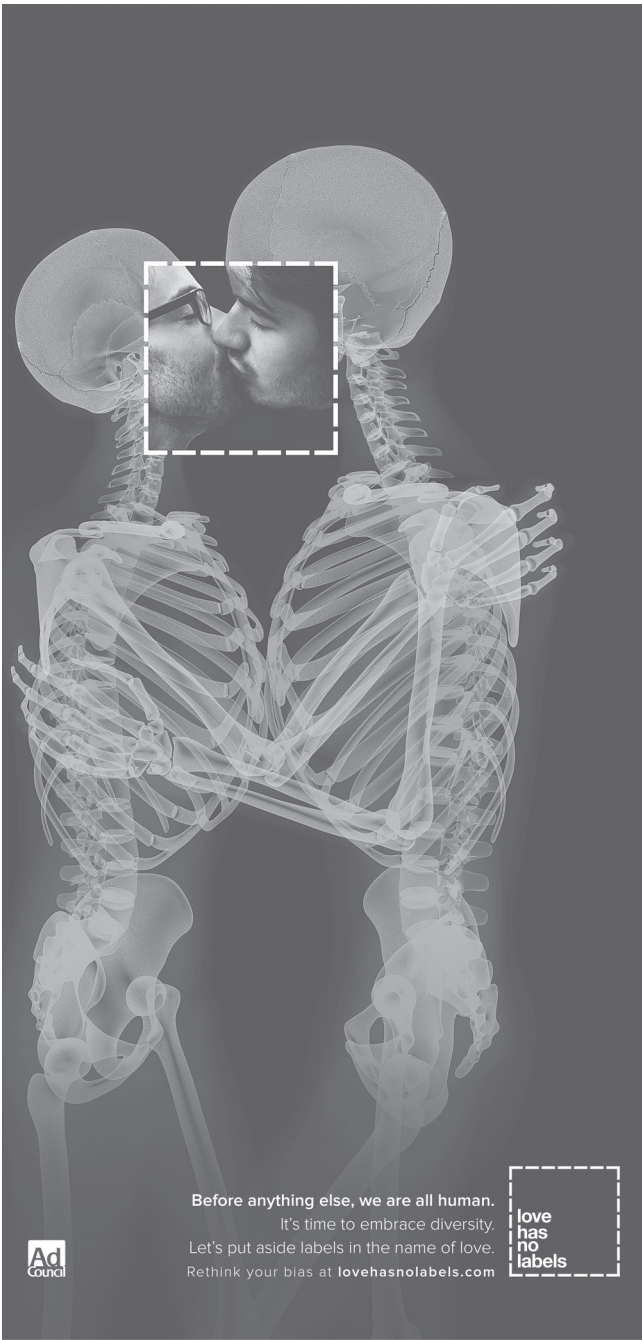
and become aware of all the current issues and prejudices,” Shutters said.

The Tunnel of Awareness ventures into the depths of issues surrounding students on campus, and it ultimately serves to guide students through what are justifiably important parts of a diverse and inclusive community.

Second-year international business student Trudee Wiltshire summed up the effect the exhibit had on her own campus experiences.

"I went to Tunnel of

Awareness last year and realized just how many problems people our age face, even if it's not something I personally experience. Even an anonymous post on Yik Yak can turn someone's life around," Wiltshire said. "Tunnel of Awareness opens students' eyes to problems which are often overlooked and offers a safe place to reflect on those issues. I wish every student at USC could make it to Tunnel because talking about it doesn't do it all the justice."

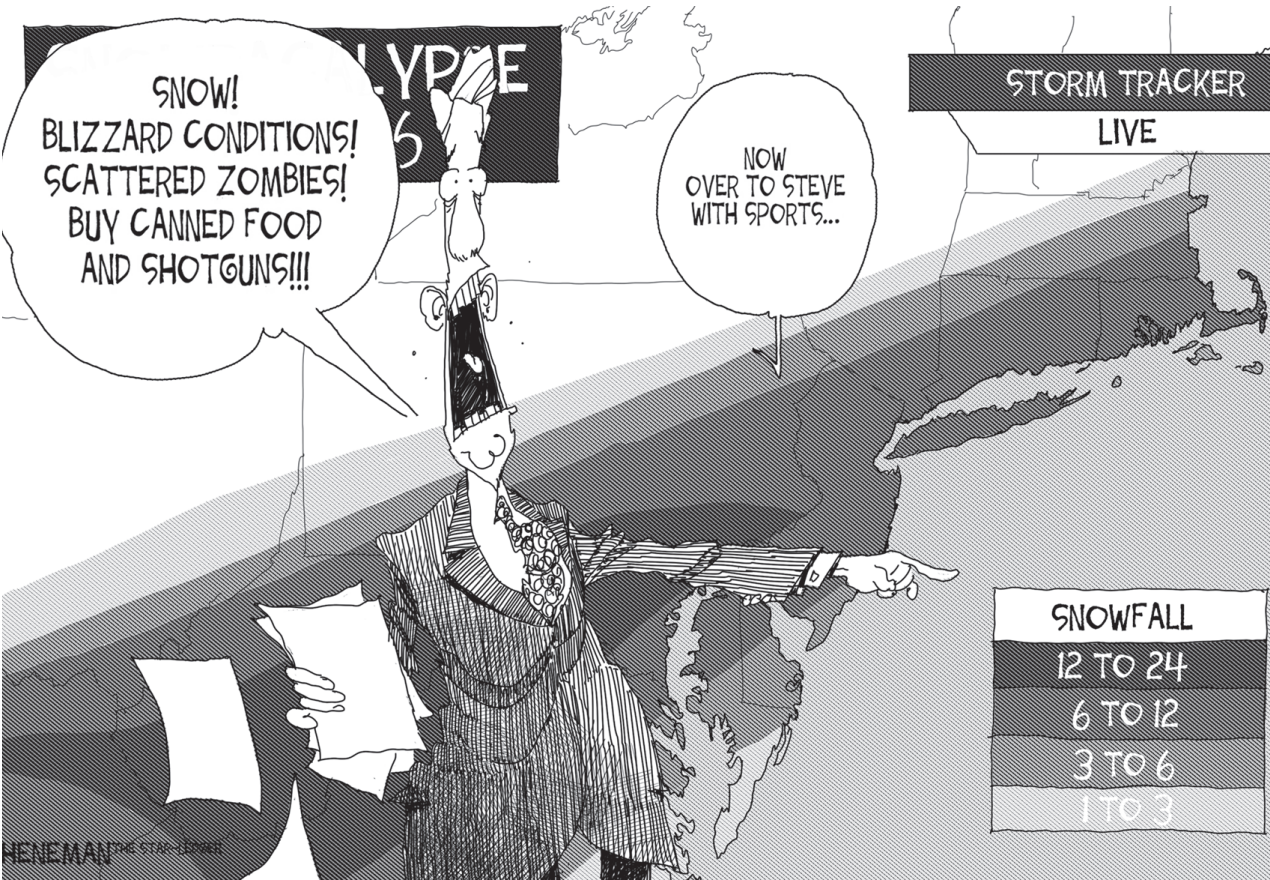


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Educational system compounds inequality

America prides itself on being a vessel for equal opportunity in myriad ways. We claim that anyone can make it, irrespective of his or her background. This is a myth that helps to mystify the ongoing violence and class warfare against poor and working class people.

In many ways, we like to think that we are where we are in life because of our good work ethic. People in positions of power especially like to pat themselves on the backs for all the hard work they’ve invested in their careers. However, the myth of meritocracy in America undermines the fact that in this country, where you stand is largely a result of your various privileges. If we look at how this translates into the educational system, we can develop a framework through which we can better understand how the educational system does a disservice to poor and working class people.

Now, I want to be clear: People who manage to transcend poverty and make it big in the world exist, but they are rare. People in positions of power then protect their class interests by exploiting these exceptions, claiming that if one person managed to climb the social ladder, then everyone else has an equal opportunity to do the same. This argument fails to take into account the social conditions that contribute to poverty and the ways in which

our world is shaped by power structures.

Where we stand matters. Oftentimes, we fail to understand the significance of race, gender and class. The problem with putting people who manage to break barriers (e.g. poverty) on a pedestal is that expecting other working class people to follow the same route to the top is unrealistic.

Students do not start on an even playing field. If a student is hungry and living below the poverty line, how can people expect that child to focus in a classroom and use education as a ladder to better himself? How can people possibly believe that children who come from middle and middle upper class families don’t have the advantage of having parents who know how to navigate elite institutions and understand the importance of putting their children in extracurricular activities that hone their developing skills?

Take, for example, the fine state of South Carolina, which, in November 2014, was sued for failing to allocate the adequate amount of funding to rural schools. If you ask who suffers from the failure of the state to provide the adequate amount of funding, the obvious answer is poor, working class people in these areas. The not-so-obvious answer to this question is that poor, working class black and brown children suffer even more from these conditions.

In South Carolina, approximately 27.5 percent of children were living below the poverty line in 2014. If we take the entirety of the South Carolina population estimate of children under 18 from 2014, which was 1,082,476, that means that approximately 297,681 kids in 2014 were living in poverty.

This number is only getting worse each year. To put things in perspective, if we go as far back as 2010, the percentage of children in poverty was approximately 22 percent.

So what does the trajectory of poor kids growing in rural South Carolina look like? What does their mobility look like?

Your environment matters a lot more than people would like to think. If you grow up in a rural school, one that is underfunded by our state, then you are disadvantaged in myriad ways. First and foremost, the school you attend is likely to have old or outdated textbooks.

Books last a long time, though, so what’s the big deal? That is certainly not that case when poor students find themselves with books that have missing pages and books that leave them uninspired. If you’re in a school that has few resources, that translates into having fewer AP classes; it translates into things like lacking in the much-idealized International Baccalaureate program.

If you’re lucky


enough to live in a district where you are placed in the respective honors classes you’ve been set up to take from early on in your childhood, then your trajectory looks great. I often think about the ways in which the school system has made me upwardly mobile, and how people who are poor but know how to work the system in these areas can make it. I went to a school where kids were expected to go to college; there was no doubt about it.

In turn, I internalized the attitudes of my peers. I went to a school that had expensive sports like lacrosse, where we were privileged enough to take courses like Theory of Knowledge, an epistemology course, or 20th Century World Topics, wherein we explored white supremacy in South Africa, topics usually reserved for institutions of higher learning.

The allocation of resources matters and leaves a more eternal imprint in our trajectories than people would like to admit. We like to think that we are where we are because we worked very hard, which is especially true of the older generation who claim “they lifted themselves up by their bootstraps,” despite the fact that they lived in a much different America than we live in today.

— Jose Martin Aveldanes, second-year sociology and mass communications student

College not worth loan debt



Brandon Middleton

Third-year finance and marketing student

Oftentimes, I find myself sitting in class wondering, “Is college really worth it?”

Okay, hear me out.

I know the education that I am receiving is a huge blessing, and the friends I’ve made at the University of South Carolina will be my friends for a lifetime. I’ve joined clubs, extracurricular activities and intramural sports teams, and I’ve even had the opportunity to write for The Daily Gamecock.

But then I sit in class listening to a teacher read off of PowerPoint slides, and I question whether all of that is worth the \$30,298 of tuition per year, the \$6,832 for housing, \$3,566 for meals and the \$1,016 for books — a total cost of \$41,712 for nonresident students. (The estimated price per year is \$22,896 if you are a resident student.)

Surely I could get the same education for — excuse the “Good Will Hunting” reference — “a dollar fifty in late charges at the public library.” And ever more prominent are the online courseware systems offered by Yale, Harvard, UC Berkeley and many others. While most of these free offerings don’t offer credentials, the material covered is the same as in the physical, introductory level classes offered at the aforementioned institutions.

In a report by The Institute for College Access and Success, “69 (percent of students) who graduated from public and nonprofit colleges in 2014 had student loan debt, with an average of \$28,950 per borrower.” And the average amount of student debt (for the 69 percent of students who graduate with debt) for a South Carolina graduate is \$27,464.

Putting aside college prestige — the idea of being more qualified after learning supposedly the same material at one school rather than another — \$28,950 seems like an awfully high price for obtaining a piece of paper saying that a student has sufficiently learned the material presented to them, which brings us to the intangible aspects of a college education.

Many times, when I present this argument

to family, friends and acquaintances, I get the immediate response of, “But think of all the experiences college has offered you.” I will be the first to say that the experiences I’ve had at the University of South Carolina wouldn’t have happened if I had not attended college. I’ve done humanitarian and military work in Africa, I’ve studied abroad in Italy, I’ve lived in Disney World for six months through the Disney College Program and I have interned on 48th Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City.

In hindsight, however, I could very well have taken a mission trip to a different country, accepted an unpaid internship with a company and networked through community events and meetings, all while teaching myself important educational and real-world skills without having attended college. Granted, it would’ve taken a little willpower and self-accountability, but at the very least I would have broken even on costs and “graduated” debt-free after my four-year escapade.

Then again, it wouldn’t be guaranteed that I had learned all of the information equivalent to that of a college degree.

Even still, as I end my daydream in class, I cannot help but feel as though I could have received the same education, equivalent experiences and just as many networking opportunities without the burden of \$28,950 over my head.

So go ahead and call me an idealist, a student who’s frustrated with the price of college; write me off as someone who doesn’t know what he is talking about or is ungrateful for what he’s been given — although I am not.

Realize, however, that this article is not about failing to appreciate education, experiences, the institution of college or networking opportunities (all of which are important). It is about the exorbitant cost and perceived image of a system of institutions that has its students’ best interests at its heart and their incomes in its wallet.

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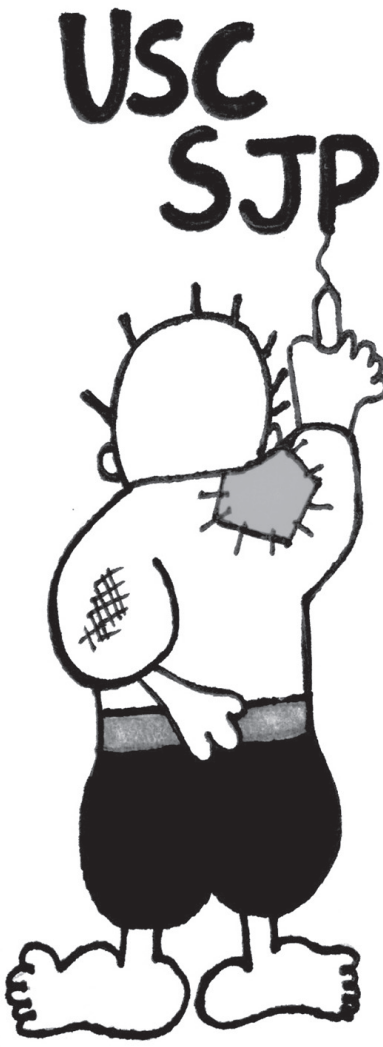


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Amid the 400-plus student organizations on campus, it is hard for the small ones to get their voices heard. Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) is among the group of modestly sized organizations that are working hard to establish their

presence on campus. USC's chapter of SJP is a relatively new one — after a long hiatus, the club started back up only a year ago. Students for Justice in Palestine is a passionate group of students who believe in their cause and in spreading awareness, even if they only have three consistent members. “We’ve got a lot of people who



Courtesy of Dana Al-Hasan

help out every once in a while, but there’s three of us who do things,” Vice President Cynthia Beavin said. “We want people to know who we are. We want the USC population to be able to see the entire conflict and not just what the media tells us — a

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Hotspot Jillian’s abruptly closes

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Jill i a n ’ s restaurant and bar, the Vista crowd pleaser famous for dancing, games and live music, has closed its doors for good as of Monday. The popular restaurant and bar terminated its social media accounts and neglected to answer the phone or communicate via email beginning Monday morning. The spot was unique — suited not only to enjoying food and friends, but also to dancing and game nights. “There’s not really a place like it in the Vista. I know a lot of people are going to lose somewhere they went weekly to hang out,” Spencer Jones, a fourth-year Russian student and an employee of Jillian’s since October 2015, said. “No bar really has pool tables, dancing, a game room. Nobody in the Vista at least has variety like Jillian’s did. And it just really was a fun place to be.” USC students and Columbia residents have visited Jillian’s for almost 20 years — many of them to attend the weekly “shag nights” the restaurant hosted on Thursdays and Fridays. “I hate to see Jillian’s closing!” Jacob Baltzegar,

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New year brings spicy new TV entertainment

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Last year was a year of spectacular cinema but came up particularly short in the quality of new television shows. So here’s a list of five highly anticipated new

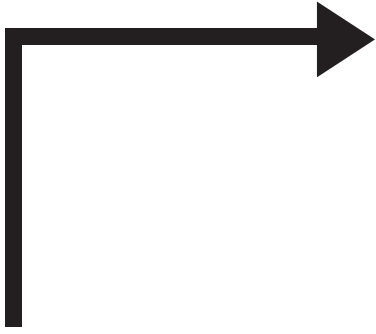
programs that will hopefully make up for last year’s missteps. “**Vinyl**” (HBO) Feb. 14 Produced by Martin Scorsese and Mick Jagger, “Vinyl” is a drama series based in 1970s New York. It

centers on the president of a record label company who is trying to save his business during a time of musical rebirth as disco, hip-hop and punk are on the rise. “**Fuller House**” (Netflix) Feb. 26

Sure to be a guilty pleasure for many Netflix subscribers, “Fuller House” continues the misadventures of the Tanner crew. As a sequel, it features many of the original cast members and has Carly Rae Jepsen performing the iconic theme

song “Everywhere You Look.” “**Atlanta**” (FX) TBA Whether you like to think of Donald Glover as Childish Gambino or that one guy from “Community,” Glover

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“**11.22.63**” (Hulu) Feb. 15 Combining the creative powers of both J.J. Abrams and Stephen King, “11.22.63” showcases the talented James Franco as an ordinary English teacher who travels back in time to stop the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.



Courtesy of Hulu



Courtesy of NBC

“**You, Me and the Apocalypse**” (NBC) Jan. 28 From the title alone, “You, Me and the Apocalypse” certainly sounds like the next big comedic achievement for NBC. Featuring Jenna Fischer from “The Office” and Rob Lowe from “Parks and Recreation,” this absurd series follows a group of unrelated individuals navigating their last few days before an apocalypse is said to occur.



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lot of what the media tells us is very one-sided.”

SJP wishes to share the entire story of Israeli-Palestinian conflict instead of the common portrayal they believe that the media shows.

“Really, just after World War II, everyone wanted a safe place for Jews to live, and that’s totally fine. But at the same time, when creating that safe place, they ended up removing the people that were already living here,” Dana Al-Hasan, president of USC’s SJP, said to give background.

SJP does not want the Palestinian people to be branded as terrorists by the outside world — an assumption that is all too common. To counter this claim, Beavin uses children’s shoes as a metaphor for the death toll that is actually disproportionately higher in Palestine than in Israel.

“Let’s say you took a pair of shoes and lined them up or put them in a pile for every Palestinian child that died, you would have 500 pairs of shoes, roughly. And you would only have one pair of Israeli shoes,” Beavin said. “And so it’s not meant to say we want more Israelis to die, because we don’t, we don’t want anybody to die. But it’s just to show ... we’re not giving this the attention it deserves, and you’re not being told the truth.”

Their organization is very peaceful in its intent, wishing to spread their message and raise awareness but not cause trouble with students or other organizations on campus. Their Palestinian culture night last semester was a huge success, with nearly 200

members in attendance throughout the night of food, dance, celebration and education.

This semester, SJP will be hosting a play called “My Name is Rachel Corrie.” This play, originally co-edited by recently deceased actor Alan Rickman, tells the true story of an activist from the United States named Rachel Corrie who, when protesting a home demolition in Gaza, was run over by a bulldozer and killed. Her family then sued the Israeli government for a symbolic dollar in the hopes that the government would take responsibility for her death and give her family the justice and peace of mind they desired. The Israeli government denied all responsibility for her death.

“My Name is Rachel Corrie” is a one-woman show in which the martyred activist, played by actress Ashley Malloy, travels to college campuses to spread the word in an artistic and appealing format. The play will be held in Booker T. Washington Auditorium on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for all.

“When you look at students here and anywhere, like the general population anywhere, people are not very interested in politics, especially if it’s something that’s 8,000 miles away,” Al-Hasan said. “So that’s why I’m really excited about the play ... it’s still very creative and artsy, but it does tell the story of Rachel Corrie, which I think is a story that really should be told and heard.”

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is coming back better than ever. Written and produced by Glover himself, “Atlanta” has two cousins teaming up in order to dominate the Atlanta rap scene. There has been a lot of buzz surrounding this show, considering that covering controversial topics in a comedic light is one of Glover’s specialties.

So what will you be watching?

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a second-year chemical engineering student, said. “My friends and I were always excited for shag on Thursday nights; we’d started going during the summer to keep in touch and it seemed to be even more popular with students once the fall semester began.”

Those employed by the establishment were given little warning that they would soon have to adapt to life without the job security that Jillian’s provided. Employees were notified of the closing on Sunday, the day before the doors were permanently shut. For those who worked at Jillian’s, the loss of a friendly group of coworkers added to the sad news of unemployment.

“The biggest thing I’m going miss about Jillian’s was the work staff that I worked with,” Jones said. “We’re all really a tight-knit group, and we constantly refer to each other as family, so it’s really gonna suck not working with them anymore.”

The unfortunate closure of the hangout leaves big shoes to fill in Columbia. Jillian’s had enormous personality and provided an interesting, unusual corner of nightlife. The premise of the business was original and charming, showcasing its Southern location and traditions — traditions such as good food and shag dancing.

“That was something genuinely ‘Southern,’” Baltzegar said. “I don’t think you see [that] in Columbia very often.”



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15 Fishing spots

16 Title heartbreaker in a Three Dog Night song

17 *Tyke’s dinner time perch

19 “I’m not a crook” monogram

20 Rogue

21 Plowing measure

23 Ad Council ad, briefly

25 *Unfair deception

28 Energetic

31 Obvious joy

32 “Spider-Man” trilogy director Sam

33 Feel sorry about

34 Quipster

37 *Insignificant amount

42 Weekend TV fare for nearly 40 yrs.

43 Reading after resetting

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45 Scandinavian port

47 Comeback

48 *Numero uno

53 Used to be

54 Lover of Euridice, in a Monteverdi work

55 Decide not to ride

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59 Try, or a hint to the first words of the answers to starred clues

64 Rocks found in bars

65 Software buyers

66 Kevin of “Cry Freedom”

67 Audio receiver

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11 Country singer Gibbs

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22 Style reportedly named for Ivy League oarsmen

23 Western chum

24 Lasting marks

26 Hot-and-cold fits

27 Working class Roman

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35 “Don’t tell me, don’t tell me!”

36 Neon swimmer

38 Court plea, briefly

39 Multi-cell creature?

40 Commonly four-stringed instrument

41 Bits of ankle art, say

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48 Pal, slangily

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52 Lift

56 Knockoff

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60 Prefix with metric

61 Doc who administers a PET scan?

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63 English poet Hughes

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Refocus on work today and tomorrow. Dig into a big job. Let others share in the expenses. Avoid distractions. Choose stability over illusion. Practice your talents. Reward yourself with a nature walk.

Taurus

Come up with creative and unusual ideas. Plan diversions, fun and games. Romance tickles like a feather. Don’t assume your secret messages are being received. Get advice from family and friends. Gentle, patient efforts win out.

Gemini

Domestic projects entice you with delicious flavors and fragrances. Sink into home comforts. Test a new appliance or tool. Insist on the real thing without straining your budget. A distant acquaintance sparks your imagination.

Cancer

You’re especially clever. Express yourself in words, images and sound. Study the situation. Practice your arts. Send your communications. Welcome contributions from others. Keep things simple and low-cost. Thank everyone involved in the production. Resupply locally.

Leo

The next two days favor bookkeeping and profitable productivity. Keep a practical outlook. Avoid distractions and silly arguments. Resist the temptation to spend all the money you’re making. Save up for future dreams. Together you get further.

Virgo

Focus on personal goals even if you have no idea how to do so. Start with small, achievable steps. Get inventive. Talk to people with relatable experience. Consider a new hairstyle or outfit. Dress for the role you want.

Libra

Enjoy privacy and peaceful contemplation. Make plans and organize papers. Talk to your angels. Clear out clutter to create space for what’s coming. Pamper yourself with sensual treats like hot water, subtle flavors and fragrances.

Scorpio

Get to work on a team project. Meetings, gatherings and parties go well. Schedule carefully. Work out priorities with everyone in advance, or risk wasted efforts. Build a strong foundation, especially financially, for support.

Sagittarius

Enjoy your work today. Abandon theory for practice. Get your hands dirty. Learn by doing. The pace is picking up, so look sharp and get moving. Keep fulfilling your promises. Don’t get stuck on misconceptions or assumptions.

Capricorn

Review financial plans, including for the long-term future. Focus on what’s in the bag, not what you hope is coming. Keep generating momentum. Replenish reserves, and cut unnecessary spending. Dream big dreams backed by concrete action.

Aquarius

Focus on joint finances. Handle bills, invoices, insurance and investments to keep current. Discover unconsidered savings. Strategize your moves. Completion leads to profits. Beat your deadline.

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Since arriving in South Carolina, head coach Will Muschamp has received committals from four four-star recruits.

Gamecocks land former Alabama running back

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Former Alabama running back Tyren Jones gave his official committal to the South Carolina Gamecocks Sunday night, adding another piece to the team’s backfield.

Jones, a transfer from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas, committed to South Carolina after just one visit to the school. South Carolina was Jones’ only official visit, but he did pay an unofficial visit to Auburn for the Iron Bowl in November.

The 5-foot-9, 212-pound running back last appeared in a Crimson Tide uniform in 2014, his freshman season. Jones, a four-star recruit coming out of high school according to ESPN, rushed for 224 yards on 36 attempts and two touchdowns in 2014 while splitting carries with T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry.

The talent is evident in Jones, but lack of discipline is what made his Alabama career a short-lived one. Alabama’s head coach Nick Saban suspended the running back at one point for failing to comply with team

rules. While suspended, Jones was arrested for drug possession, which ultimately forced Saban to dismiss Jones.

Jones joined the Hutchinson Blue Dragons for the 2015 season as a junior college transfer, with the intent to continue his college football career afterward. Jones rushed for 658 yards and five touchdowns on 106 attempts last season.

With senior Brandon Wilds graduating this spring, there was a clear void left to fill in the backfield by head coach Will Muschamp. It’s unlikely Jones will be an every down running back, especially with his slight frame, but he’s yet another solid addition to Muschamp’s recruiting class.

South Carolina currently has six enrollees, highlighted by four-star quarterback Brandon McIlwain and four-star wide receiver Bryan Edwards. Muschamp has also received committals from four-star cornerback Jamarcus King and four-star offensive tackle Javon Kinlaw.

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Should Peyton Manning RETIRE?



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When Peyton Manning takes his first snap on Feb. 7, he will set the record for the oldest quarterback to start in a Super Bowl. Manning will be 39 at the time of the game, one year older than John Elway when he played on the game's largest stage at age 38. Manning will no doubt try to copy Elway by leading the Denver Broncos to a victory just as Elway did in 1999, but he should also take one more page from the Elway playbook. Peyton Manning should retire, even if the Broncos lose on Super Bowl Sunday.

Growing up in rural South Carolina in the days before fantasy football, my family cared little about the NFL, some about the Carolina Panthers (only because they were the closest team to us geographically) and lots about the SEC. Going to every South Carolina Gamecocks home game, we did not have enough left in the tank to bother with football on Sundays. However, like many southerners who still believe that Saturday reigns supreme in terms of football, we had two rules about the NFL: 1. Always cheer for the Manning brothers, and 2. Never pull for the Patriots.

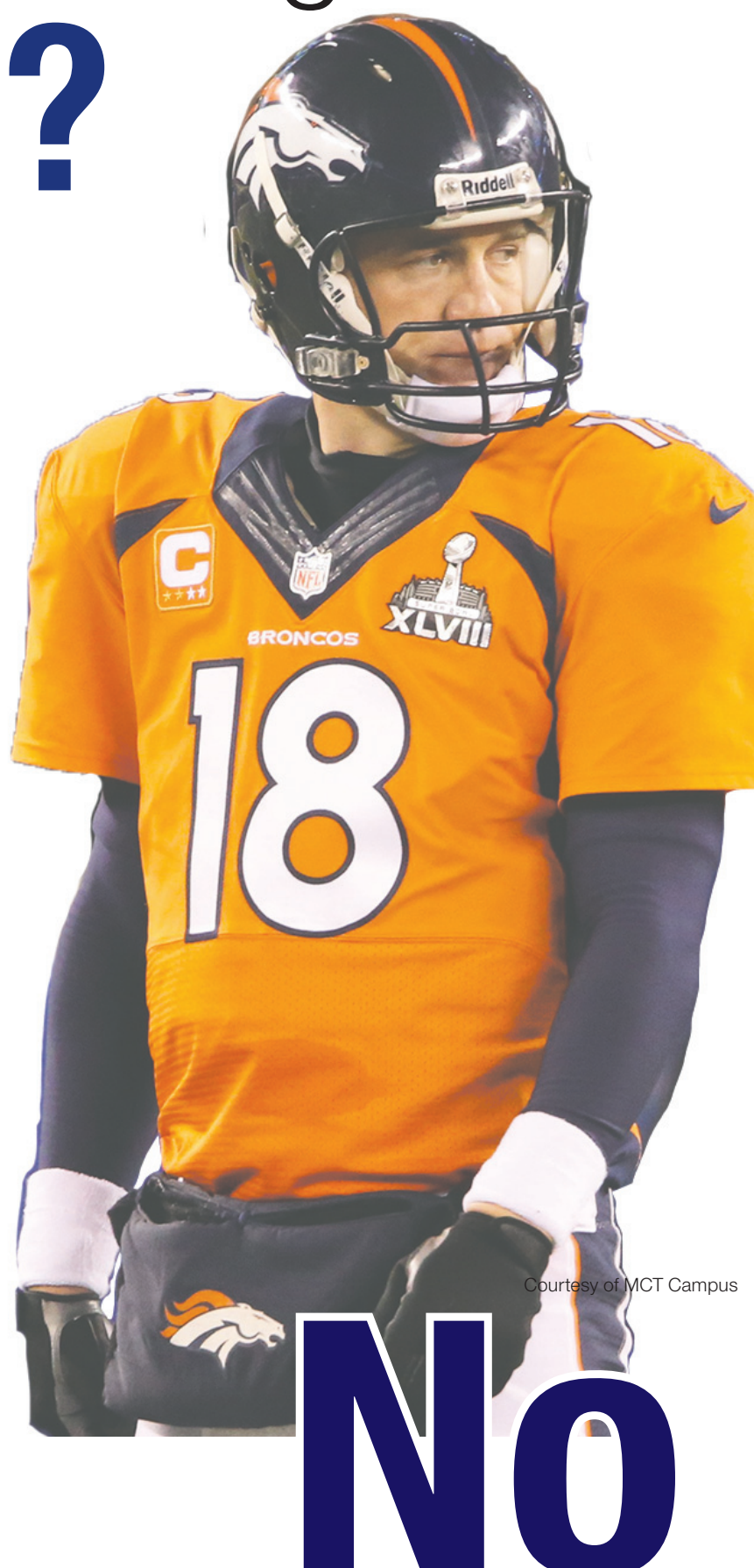
Ah, the Mannings. Peyton in particular was the embodiment of the SEC. A good, southern boy who played at Tennessee, came from a good family, and by all accounts was the consummate professional. He outworked every player in the league, he was arguably the best sports-related host ever on Saturday Night Live and he had the best commercials (I guess that last one has not really changed). I grew up watching Tony Dungy's defenses run the Tampa 2, Peyton slinging the ball all around the yard to greats like Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark, but also countless other receivers who would never pan out on any other team and were only successful because of #18 behind the center.

This past season caused nearly as much pain for Peyton-lovers as did the season when he sat out after having neck surgery, uncertain whether he would ever play again, and watched

helplessly as his team, the Indianapolis Colts, cut him and moved in a new direction at the quarterback position. In the regular season, Peyton only played in 10 of 16 games and was even benched for Brock Osweiler. Manning threw nearly double the amount of interceptions (17) as he did touchdowns (9), and he did not throw a touchdown at his home stadium until his team's second game of the playoffs this past weekend. He looked his age, hobbling after nearly every hit and rarely pushing the ball deep downfield in the vertical passing game.

Manning is still "The Sheriff." He can still outsmart most defenses in the league and yell "Omaha" 100 times a game, but his body can no longer keep up with his mind. He is a shell of the Hall of Fame quarterback he once was. I do not deny that he could play next year and still win a few games. Give one of the best quarterbacks of all time the best defense in the league and a decent running game, and he can still be successful. He has proven that he can still win the ones that matter most during the Bronco's two-game playoff run. Heck, I bet even Brett Favre can unretire again and lead his team to a better season than half the quarterbacks in the league next year, but that does not mean he should (Favre has said in an NFL GameDay interview that he hopes Manning retires before breaking his records).

With health concerns at an all-time high for NFL players and star players retiring in the middle of their careers (Marshawn Lynch might be the next to do that), it is never too early to consider retirement. I do not want to watch Peyton Manning limp through another year. He has always been an ambassador for the game, and 10 years from now, it would be heartbreaking to hear of Manning being in poor health or struggling to get out of bed as is so often the case with former players. Peyton, I love you. My mother and sister love you. Football fans everywhere love you. We are worried about you. It's time to hang up your cleats and put on your gold jacket as you end your Hall of Fame career.



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Peyton Manning's career began at the University of Tennessee in 1994. Four years and 89 touchdown passes later, Manning was selected first overall by the Indianapolis Colts in the 1998 NFL draft. After a rough rookie season the young quarterback turned the Colts' fortunes around, leading them to a Super Bowl victory in 2007 and capturing multiple American Football Conference MVPs along the way.

Then 2011 happened. The years of brutal hits caught up with Manning and forced him to undergo a season-ending neck surgery. The first neck surgery started a series of follow-up surgeries that ultimately led to a Manning-Colts divorce. The Colts released the famed quarterback into free agency in 2012 and he was signed by the Denver Broncos.

Now, a slower Manning is leading the Broncos into their second Super Bowl appearance in three years, all at the age of 39. Despite a statistically down season, throwing for 9 touchdowns and 17 interceptions in 10 games, Manning isn't necessarily going to throw in the towel.

A quarterback is the leading force of an offense, but he can only do so much for a team. The Broncos offense hasn't helped Manning in terms of timing or the ground game. This was proven in Sunday's matchup with the New England Patriots.

Even though both teams nearly split time of possession, the Patriots dominated on paper, with 292 passing yards compared to Denver's 145 passing yards. Regardless, Manning showed that he still has some left in the tank to pull out a win when absolutely needed. He's made a remarkable comeback from the

potentially career-threatening neck surgeries he endured in 2011.

Recently, rumors of Manning's retirement have surfaced, as the Broncos have not expressed an overwhelming desire to bring him back, proven by the \$4 million pay cut in his 2015 contract.

The Manning name carries weight and a loyal fan base that will follow him wherever he goes. The Broncos don't want to lose that element, but at the same time they are not exactly eager to keep him around, especially with the potential of backup Brock Osweiler blossoming into a full-time starter.

The thought of Manning's retirement, however, is farfetched. His leaving the Broncos, on the other hand, could be a possibility. Coincidentally, the Cleveland Browns owner, Jimmy Haslam, is a contributor to the Tennessee Volunteers, which also happens to be Manning's alma mater. Those two already have a working relationship, and although Cleveland isn't exactly a glorious situation, it wouldn't be surprising if the two sides were to collaborate in the near future.

Another brewing rumor is the possibility of Manning returning home to the New Orleans Saints. We know the hearsay is that Manning will return to the Colts, but I'd say he would retire before doing that.

Manning has caught a second wind and could potentially have offers coming his way, whether it be for a starting job or something else. After being an underdog in the last two playoff games of the season, Manning's performances will leave the fans wanting to see more.